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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING MINUTES

DPW Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall

Wednesday June 4, 2014

Call to Order. Called to order at 11:16am by Richard C. David, Mayor.

Present: Richard C. David, Mayor; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Chuck Shager, Comptroller

Absent: None

Also Present: William Barber, Director of Parks and Recreation; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Jennie Skeadas-Sherry, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Permanent Easement for Portion of 70-72 Court Street. Request to enter into an agreement for a permanent easement for a portion of 72 Court Street, submitted by 33 State Street Associates. Alan Pope, Andrew Urso and Larry Pasquale attended the meeting held January 15, 2014 to discuss the proposal. The Board reviewed this matter, and concluded that any agreement should be limited to the space required for a stairway, but should not include space for a patio. The Board of Contract and Supply approved a Request for Sealed Bids for 70-72 Court Street at a meeting held on February 12, 2014. Such Request for Sealed Bids includes a restriction stating that the sale would be subject to a permanent easement for pedestrian ingress and egress from a basement stairwell at 92 State Street, but that construction above the stairwell would be permitted. Kenneth J. Frank will discuss the details of the permanent easement with Mr. Pope. Item held.

8 Meadow Street. Offer to Purchase 8 Meadow Street for \$100, submitted by Tonya Dakari on December 23, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on January 2, 2014. Steve Quinn responded on January 3, 2014, stating that this property is one of several properties that the First Ward Action Council is scheduled to purchase and develop under the City's Restore NY grant application and NYS Tax Credit application. Scott Snyder responded on January 3, 2014, confirming that the property is listed as a Restore NY property. Mayor David met with Jerry Willard from First Ward Action Council, who indicated that they are still slated to receive funding for the development of the property. First Ward Action Council should know the outcome within the next few months. Item held pending confirmation of funding for First Ward Action Council.

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meetings held on May 14, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Holmes.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: David, Shager, Frank, Krey, Holmes

Nays: None



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Budget Transfers. Request to approve various budget transfers to meet excessive Parks Department repairs. Submitted by William Barber, Director of Parks and Recreation. Request to transfer a total of \$7,500 from budget line A7110.51000 (Personal Services) to the following budget lines:

1. \$2,500 to budget line A7110.54102 (General Operating Supplies);
2. \$1,500 to budget line A7110.54130 (Construction Materials);
3. \$2,000 to budget line A7110.54610 (Building/Equipment Repair & Maintenance); and
4. \$1,500 to budget line A7110.54640 (Parks Repair & Maintenance).

Motion to approve budget transfer.

Moved by Krey, seconded Frank.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: David, Shager, Frank, Krey, Holmes

Nays: None

19 Emma Street. Request to donate 19 Emma Street to the City of Binghamton. Submitted by Staiman Industries, Inc. on May 7, 2014. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on May 7, 2014. Scott Snyder responded on May 21, 2014, stating that he is not in favor of accepting the donation, noting that the City recently auctioned off surplus properties in the City's inventory. Tom Costello responded on May 23, 2014, agreeing with the Assessor's comments. Jennie Skeadas-Sherry responded on May 30, 2014, noting that it is an industrial site, formerly used by a recycling company. She stated that Planning is not in favor of accepting the donation at this time. Ms. Skeadas-Sherry requested a Phase I Environmental Assessment, with the intent to revisit the request to donate the property upon receipt of the results, as Economic Development has expressed interest in the site. E&A referred the matter to Economic Development on June 6, 2014. Item held.

13 Munsell Street. Offer to purchase 13 Munsell Street for \$250, submitted by Pamela Falank on May 13, 2014. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on May 21, 2014. Scott Snyder responded on May 21, 2014, stating that 13 Munsell Street is on the Planning Department's list of properties the City does not wish to sell, and is not in favor of the sale of this property. Tom Costello responded on May 23, 2014, agreeing with the Assessor's comments. Jennie Skeadas-Sherry responded on May 30, 2014, noting that Planning is not interested in selling the property at this time.

Motion to reject offer to purchase.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Holmes.

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0)

Ayes: David, Shager, Frank, Krey, Holmes

Nays: None

Budget Transfer. Request to transfer \$30,000 from budget line M1910.54900 (Incurred Loss) to budget line M1910.54430 (Legal Services) to cover an incoming bill from outside counsel. Submitted by Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel.

Motion to approve the requested budget transfer, subject to confirmation of the ability of funds by the Comptroller.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Krey.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: David, Shager, Frank, Krey, Holmes



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Nays: None

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 11:32am.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Krey.

Voice vote, none opposed.